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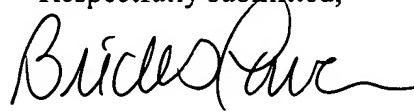
U.S. Patent Documents

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US - 4,475,983	10/09/1984	Bader et al.
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